

CARR-57

Fairview M. E. Church
Taylorsville (vicinity)

1851

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fairview M. E. Church

and/or common Fairview U. M. Church

2. Location

street & number Old Liberty Road ___ not for publication

city, town Taylorsville ___X___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| ___ district | ___ public | ___X___ occupied | ___ agriculture | ___ museum |
| ___X___ building(s) | ___X___ private | ___ unoccupied | ___ commercial | ___ park |
| ___ structure | ___ both | ___ work in progress | ___ educational | ___ private residence |
| ___ site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | ___ entertainment | ___X___ religious |
| ___ object | ___ in process | ___X___ yes: restricted | ___ government | ___ scientific |
| | ___ being considered | ___ yes: unrestricted | ___ industrial | ___ transportation |
| | ___X___ not applicable | ___ no | ___ military | ___ other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Fairview Methodist Church

street & number Liberty Road telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-57

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved | date of move _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: The Fairview M. E. Church is located on the south side of Old Liberty Road in southwest Carroll County, about 1½ miles west of Taylorsville. The church has a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a ridge that runs north-south. There is a projecting central bay on the north elevation. On the roof of the bay is set a small gable-roofed belfry on four corner posts. On the west corner of the north elevation foundation is a date stone that is carved with "Fairview M. E. Church Built 1851." Most of the stones are small and plain, and tend to be placed in even rows, facing west. They generally date from the 1870's to the present.

The Fairview M. E. Church is located on the south side of Old Liberty Road in southwest Carroll County, about 1½ miles west of Taylorsville and several hundred feet east of the Frederick County border. The church has a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a ridge that runs north-south. It has a boxed cornice with returns. There is a projecting central bay on the north elevation. It is gable-roofed, and the roof is integral with the main block of the church. This bay has a pair of six-panel doors on the north elevation. On the roof of the bay is set a small gable-roofed belfry on four corner posts. On the west corner of the north elevation foundation is a date stone that is carved with "Fairview M. E. Church Built 1851." The church has been extended to the south by one bay. The east elevation has three new 1/1 sash and a brick exterior chimney between the north and central bays. The west elevation has two new 1/1 sash, and a shed roofed addition on the south bay.

West of the church is a one-bay by two-bay, one-story stucco building. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles, a shed roof addition on the south, and a date stone with "1945". East and south of the church is a cemetery. Most of the stones are small and plain, and tend to be placed in even rows, facing west. They generally date from the 1870's to the present.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1851 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The land was purchased from a white man known as "Shoemaker" and the cornerstone laid on 2 February 1851. The original part of the church is a log structure, and was apparently the first black Methodist church in Carroll County. The church apparently served the community of Newport, located just north of the sanctuary, which at one time was home to twenty-nine black families. The earliest churches in Carroll County were generally log. Most log churches have long disappeared, so the survival of such a building is significant in and of itself.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion, Cultural

Resource Types: Church, Rural Vernacular

The history of Fairview M.E. Church comes primarily from a recent anniversary bulletin. The land, originally part of a tract called Leigh Castle, was purchased from a white man known as "Shoemaker" and the cornerstone laid on 2 February 1851. The original part of the church is a log structure, and was apparently the first black Methodist church in Carroll County. Before its construction, blacks worshipped at Bethel, a white church in the area, and whites, especially slave holders, were opposed to the new church because they didn't want slaves associating with free blacks. The church apparently served the community of Newport, located just north of the sanctuary, which at one time was home to twenty-nine black families. J. Thomas Scharf gave the location of the town in his History of Western Maryland, but provided no other information. The church was originally part of the Baltimore Conference, but when the Washington Conference was created in 1867 for black Methodist churches, it became part of that conference. The church continues to serve the black community in southwestern Carroll County and southeastern Frederick County. The earliest churches in Carroll County were generally log, including Bethel, which was replaced by a brick structure in 1860. Most log churches have long disappeared, so the survival of such a building is significant in and of itself.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862 & 1877 maps

Scharf, History of Western Maryland, p. 895Fairview U. M. Church Anniversary, 1851-1990, June 24, 1990

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 a.Quadrangle name WinfieldQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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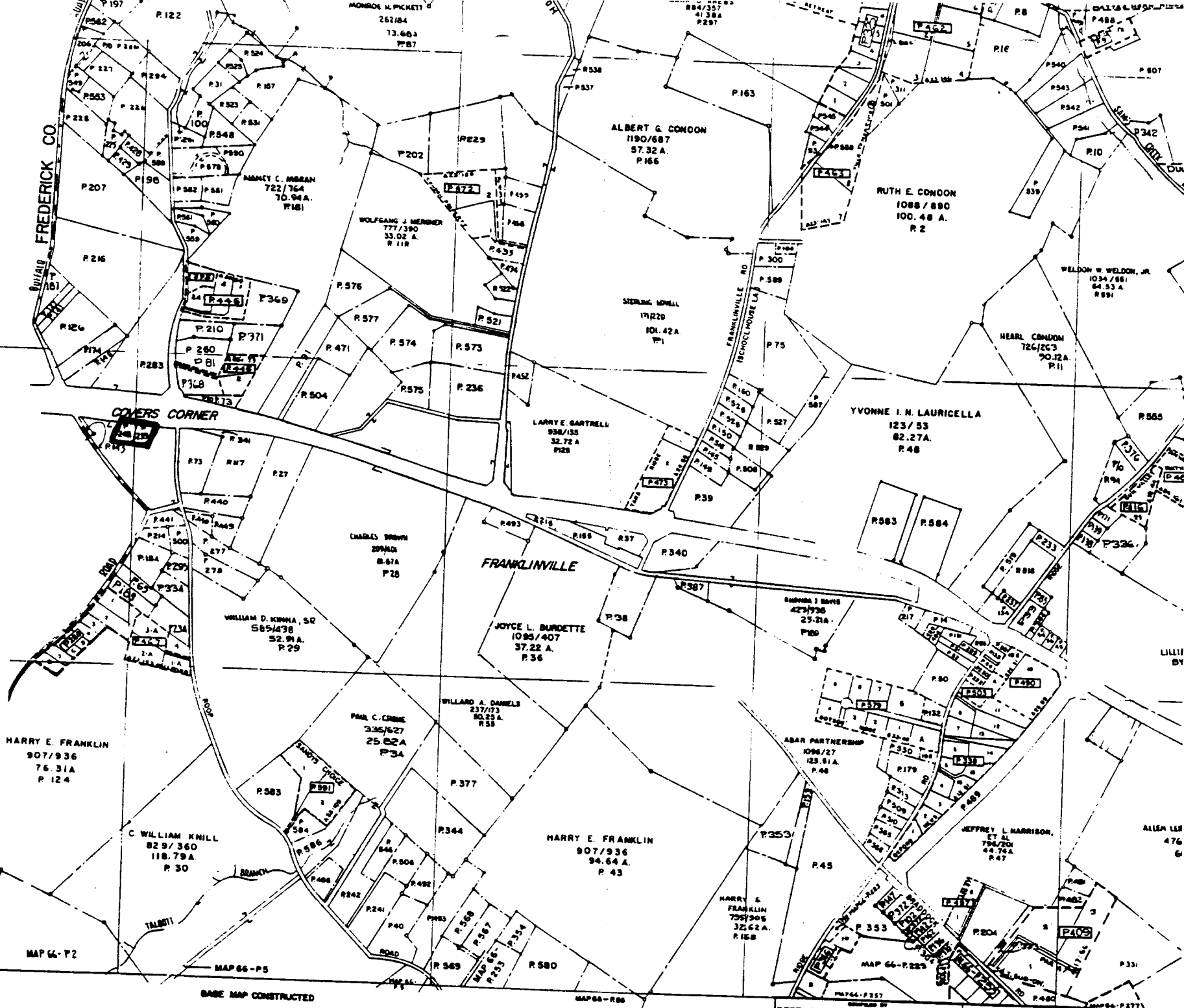
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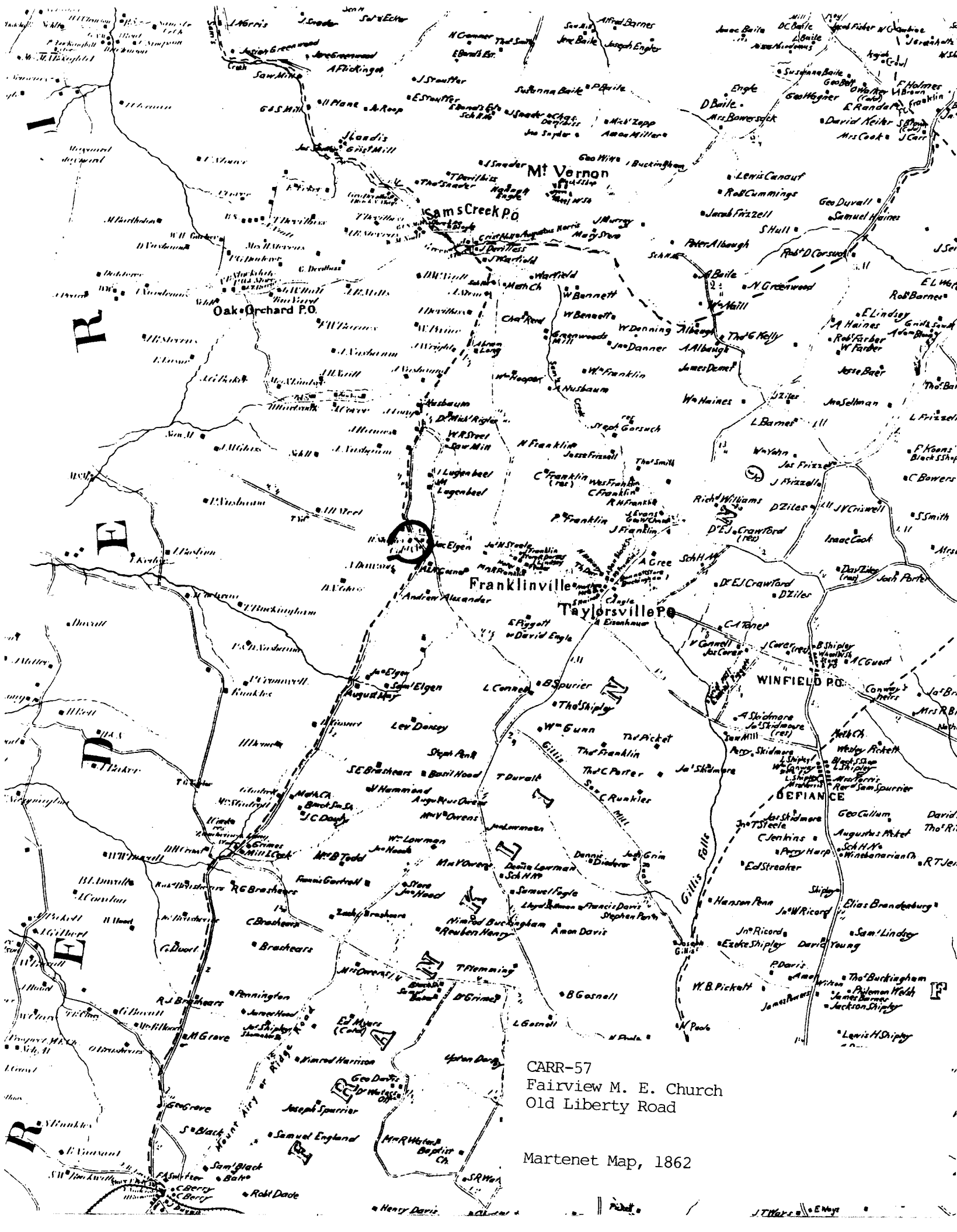
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Fairview M. E. Church
Old Liberty Road
Assessments & Taxation Map #





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Fairview M. E. Church
Old Liberty Road

Martenet Map, 1862

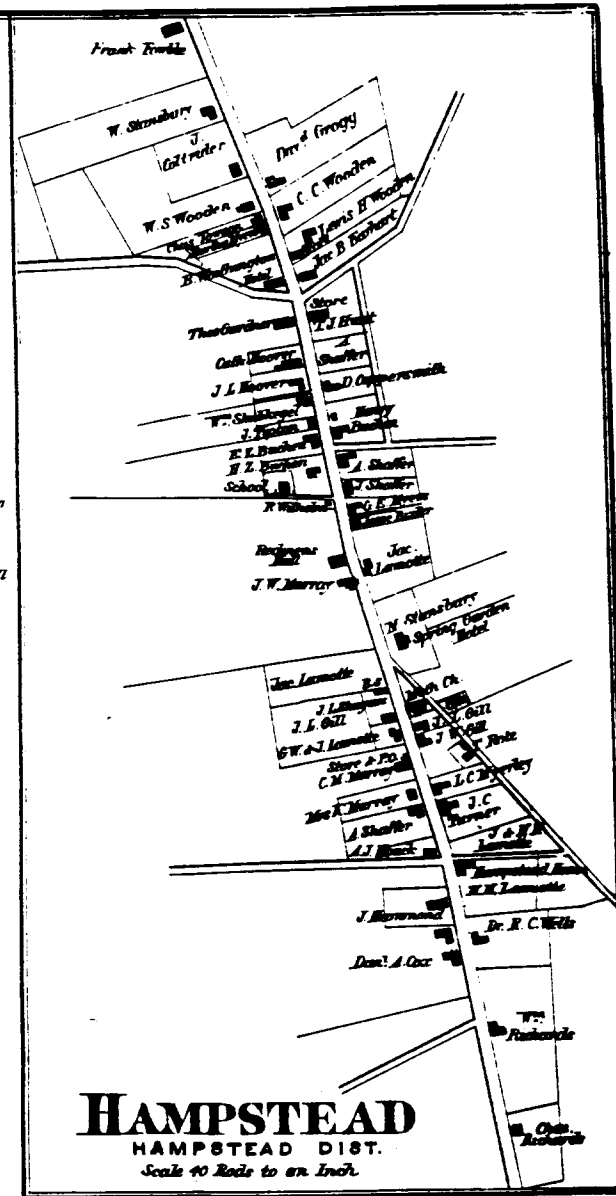
FRANKLIN

DISTRICT NO 9
Scale 1 1/2 inch to the Mile



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Lake, Griffin, & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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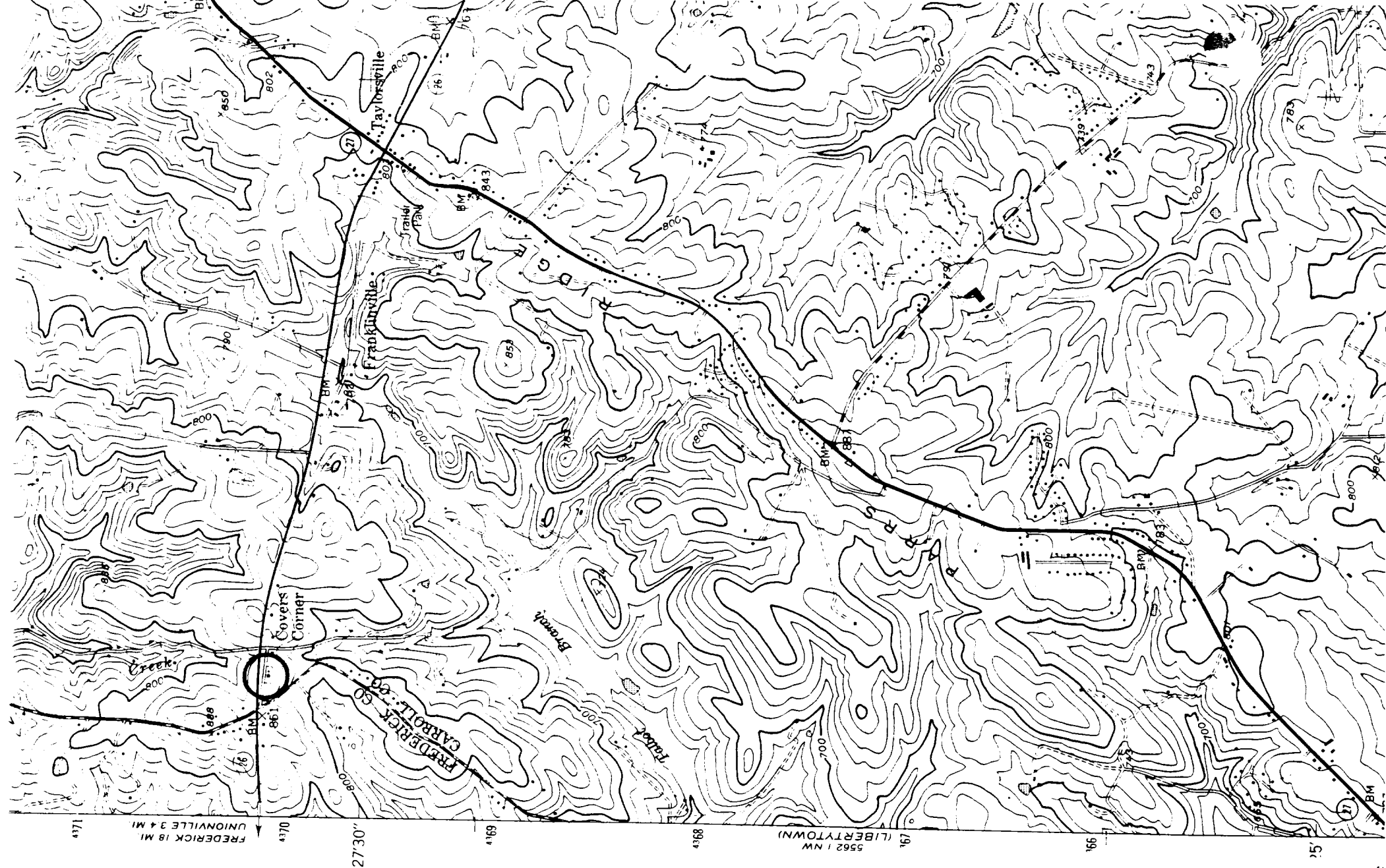
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HAMPSTEAD BUSINESS REFERENCES

- John W. Abbott, Teacher, and Justice of the Peace, Hampstead.
- Geo. W. Keller, Paper Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of goods usually kept in a country store; also Farmer, Hampstead.
- J. W. Marney, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Crochery, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, and Fertilizers, and all other goods usually kept in a country store.
- H. H. La Motte, Proprietor of Hampstead House.
- E. T. Newbelle, Teacher.
- Lizzie Stockdale, Teacher.
- J. H. Smith, Manufacturer of Flour, Feed and Meal. Mills located on east branch of Potomac Falls, two miles southwest of Hampstead.
- M. S. Brillhart, Manufacturer of Flour, Feed, and Meal. Mills on east branch of Potomac Falls, one and a third miles west of Hampstead.

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FRANKLIN DIST.
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J. H. La Motte



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Fairview M. E. Church
Old Liberty Road

Winfield Quad



Fairview m E Church

Old Liberty Road

Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: February 1993

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
east; north elevations

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